

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager
Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Subject: Amendments to the Parking and Traffic By-Law 20 of 1989

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

And that Council consider the amendments to the Parking and Traffic By-Law, and refer to By-Law 34 of 2025.

Report Summary:

Amendments to the Parking and Traffic By-Law include making the current “No Parking” area of South Street (East Side of South Street from Blake Street to Bennett Street) a ‘No Stopping’ area Monday - Friday from 8 AM – 5 PM, to increase safety in the school zone. To recognize increased traffic in certain areas of Town, staff propose changing the following yield signs to stop signs:

St. Georges Crescent at Waterloo Street, facing Eastbound on St. George’s Crescent
Bruce Street at Waterloo Street, facing Westbound on Bruce Street
St. Patrick Street at Waterloo Street, facing Eastbound on St. Patrick Street
St. Patrick Street at Waterloo Street, facing Westbound on St. Patrick Street
Lighthouse Street at Wellington Street, facing Eastbound on Lighthouse Street
Lighthouse Street at Wellington Street, facing Westbound on Lighthouse Street
Quebec Street at Waterloo Street, facing Eastbound on Quebec Street
Quebec Street at Wellington Street, facing Eastbound on Quebec Street
Quebec Street at Wellington Street, facing Westbound on Quebec Street

Amending the street named Meadowlark Lane to Kingfisher Lane in the Coast Development.

Returning St. Andrews Street to 2-way traffic.

Removal of the Bicycle Licensing section of the By-Law.

Background/Analysis:

In January of 2024, a School Safety Zone investigation was initiated, looking at vehicle and pedestrian traffic around the three (3) schools in Goderich. One concern was pedestrian traffic crossing the bus route on South Street, from vehicles stopping on the East Side of South Street dropping students off. Therefore, the proposal is to change the “No Parking” signs on the East side of South Street to “No Stopping” signs to reduce the number of students crossing the street.

In November of 2024, concerns were raised about increased traffic on Waterloo Street. Staff reviewed traffic on Waterloo Street and noted an increase on Wellington Street as well. The increase in traffic warrants the consideration to change yield signs in the area to stop signs for increased safety.

Section Updates:

- 1.a. added definition of angle parking
 - 1.b. added definition of accessible parking
 - 1.d. amended definition of bicycle to include ‘power assisted’ bicycle
 - 1.g. added definition of Council
 - 1.h. amended definition of crosswalk
 - 1.i. amended definition of curb
 - 1.j. added definition of Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operation
 - 1.k. added definition of driver
 - 1.l. added definition of electric vehicle
 - 1.m. added definition of electric vehicle charging station
 - 1.n. added definition of electric vehicle parking space
 - 1.o. amended definition of gross weight
 - 1.p. amended definition of heavy truck
 - 1.q. amended definition of highway or street
 - 1.r. amended definition of intersection
 - 1.s. amended definition of motor vehicle
 - 1.u. added definition of municipal law enforcement officer
 - 1.x. amended definition of parking
 - 1.aa. amended definition of school bus
 - 1.dd. amended definition of trailer
 - 1.ee. amended definition of vehicle
 - 3.a. amended prohibition for bicycles on sidewalks
 - 3.b. amended prohibition for bicycles in parks and lawns
 - 5.d. amended prohibition for parking obstructing a sidewalk/crosswalk
 - 5.t. amended prohibition for parking on beach or on grass in a park
- Schedule 1 changed yields to stop signs at intersections - listed above
Schedule 9 changed no parking to no stopping in area - listed above

Amended wording in by-law from “disabled” to “accessible”.

Linkage:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Consulted With:

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